Texana / Genealogy

San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy
Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting mysapl.org/texana. Here you will find the On this day in San Antonio blog, past issues of South Texas Researcher, information about upcoming classes and guides to help you in your genealogy research.

Texana / Genealogy Department is located on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 600 Soledad 78205. The department is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays:

- Tuesday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Thursday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Library Guides from Texana / Genealogy
The Library Guides are subject bibliographies with a current twist-databases, websites, event schedule, blogs, as well as books. The department now has the following guides on the library's website under Resources:

- Cemeteries
- Civil War
- Civil War in Texas
- Death
- Family History
- HeritageQuest Online
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I
Events & Classes

Genealogy Databases @ Your Library

Learn how to access and navigate various (FREE!) SAPL Genealogy databases such as Ancestry.com (Library Edition), Heritage Quest, Access NewspaperArchive and others! Seating is limited. Registration is required.

Sunday, 15 September, 1:00 p.m.

Central Library - Connect
600 Soledad 78205
210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy department)

Los Chiles: sabrosos, deliciosos y picosos

Chile - a spicy, exotic little plant with properties used medicinally or as a flavorful companion and staple in almost every kitchen.

Join culinary expert Blanca Rivera as she dishes out a savory pico de gallo and mole demo-presentation utilizing chiles that will be sure to titillate your palate.

Saturday, 21 September, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library
Latino Collection Resource Center
600 Soledad Street 78205

New Publications

Visiting Your Ancestral Town: Walk in the Footsteps of Your Ancestors
GENEALOGY 929.1072 SCHOTT 2019

A History of the Old South
GENEALOGY 975.03 HISTORY 1949

Plural Society in the Southwest
TEXANA 301.2979 PLURAL 1972

Dear San Antonio, I'm Gone but Not Lost: Letters to the World from Your Voting Rights Hero Willie Velazquez on the Occasion of his Rebirth. 1944-1988-2018: Based on a True
Community Partners

Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings will be held at the following location on the second Saturday of the month:
   Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC) Building

Location: 2300 W. Commerce St.
   Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with meeting starting promptly at 9:30 a.m.
   Parking at the rear of the building on the Buena Vista St side.

Visitors are always welcome to attend. Membership is not required. Speakers at the meetings are people with a passion for history, professional historians, genealogists, archaeologists and researchers.
Date: September 14, 2019
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

**Help for the beginning genealogists:**
The Society assists individuals in getting started with genealogical research through beginner's workshops. Beginners also receive assistance from the more experienced members of the Society.

Contact one of the following individuals by email or phone to schedule an appointment:

- **Dennis Moreno** 210.647.5607
- **Yolanda Patiño** 210.434.3530

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**Canary Islands Descendants Association**

The Canary Islands Descendants Association's monthly meetings are open to the public. Association membership is not required to attend. There is a guest speaker at each meeting that shares information about historical events, facts or other related information on Texas, San Antonio or the Canary Islands.

**Event Details:**

**288th Cabildo Celebration Luncheon**

The Canary Islands Descendants Association requests your presence at the 288th Anniversary Cabildo Celebration Luncheon on August 3, 2019.

This historic event celebrates the establishment of the 1st civil government of San Antonio on August 1, 1731.

Check-in will begin at 11:00 a.m.
The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Brandon Seale

In honor of the Founders Monument erected on March 9, 2019, we will have a celebratory cake for dessert.

Lunch is $50 per Adult and $20 per Child under 12 years old (use discount code CIDA at...
Location
Plaza Club - Frost Bank Tower - Downtown San Antonio, TX.
100 W Houston St.
21st Floor
San Antonio, TX 78205

- Please visit EventBrite to register for the luncheon and for more information.

EVENT PRESENTED BY:
- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- cida.satx@gmail.com
- http://www.cida-sa.org

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society
In addition to Beginner and Intermediate Genealogy classes, the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society is offering its Sunday afternoon How to Find Out Who You Are classes. Cost is $5.00 for members, $10 for non-members. Call 210.342.5242 or click on the "Ask Us" button on the website for reservations.

With over 16,500 volumes, 600+ maps, a large vertical file collection and internet access to several great databases, the SAG&HS Library is one of the best private repositories of genealogical and historical material in South Texas.

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library is located at 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside Loop 410 and is open Monday 10am - 4pm, Wednesday 10 am -9pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 1 - 5pm. Members research free. Non-members may research for a $5.00 donation per day. Tours of the library are free. For more information, visit www.txsaghs.org

Metal Mayhem
The Institute of Texan Cultures
29 June through 5 January 2020

Metal Mayhem captures the visual history of San Antonio's rise to fame as the Heavy Metal Capital of the World. This exhibit showcases photos, art, and memorabilia documenting San Antonio's thriving '80s heavy metal music scene and highlights the iconic 1984 battle between two infamous bands, S.A. Slayer vs L.A. Slayer, at Villa Fontana. Metal Mayhem salutes the iconic DJ Joe "The Godfather" Anthony, DJ Lou Roney, as well as promoter Jack Orbin with Stone City Attractions, various record shops, and a myriad of local metal bands that started it all.

This exhibit was produced in conjunction with TexPop.
Survival: The Exhibition  
25 May through 2 September 2019

Ancestral Visions: Yarn Paintings of a Huichol Shaman  
24 August through 1 December 2019

Andy Warhol: Portraits  
20 June through 15 September 2019

Spotlight: San Antonio's K-12 Artists Embrace Diego Rivera  
6 May through 15 September 2019

Close at Hand: Contemporary Still Life  
20 June through 15 September 2019

Men of Steel, Women of Wonder  
21 June through 1 September 2019

Spotlight: San Antonio's K-12 Artists Embrace Diego Rivera  
6 May through 15 September 2019

Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts & Crafts Movement  
11 October 2019 through 5 January 2020

The Magic of Clay and Fire: Japanese Contemporary Ceramics  
13 April 2019 through 11 April 2020

News
Click here to register **ONLINE** (this system is a set up for school class registrations, so you will have to register your spouse or significant other in a new window) or click here to download a **printable form**. Please call the office if you're having trouble with the online registration. Thank you.

Click here to view the Annual Conference Itinerary and Speakers (coming soon!)

**FRIDAY LOCATION**
Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center
19 W French Ave, Temple, TX 76501

**SATURDAY LOCATION**
Temple High School
415 N 31st St, Temple, TX 76505

GTHS has no discounted deals or suggestions on hotel rooms in Temple this year. To book a hotel, we suggest you use one of the booking sites such as Booking.com, Hotels.com, etc.
Expedia.com, Kayak.com etc, and look for something that best suits your needs. Thank you.

18th Annual Family History Seminar

Families Gathering
Families
Connecting ... Belonging

Saturday, September 14, 2019
8:30 am – 3:45 pm

Sponsored by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
8801 Midcrown Drive, Windcrest, Texas 78239
BORDER RADIO
A Nuevo Vaudeville Documentary Performance with Bill Crawford and Gene Fowler

Tuesday,
September 24, 2019  6PM

Briscoe Western Art Museum
Clingman Education Gallery
210 W. Market St. 78205

Museum admission free on Tuesdays after 4pm

Utilizing a multimedia extravaganza in their duo presentation at the Briscoe, authors “Cowboy” Gene Fowler and “Brother” Bill Crawford will bring to life their well-known book Border Radio -- Quacks, Yodelers, Pitchmen, Psychics and Other Amazing Broadcasters of the American Airwaves.

Active from 1930 to 1986, border radio is the cultural phenomenon of high-powered American radio stations on Mexican soil. Blasting their programming northward, they exerted a peculiar, mesmerizing influence on American culture. The stations also introduced American culture to Mexicans and Mexican culture to Americans.

For questions, call #210-207-2500 (and ask for Texana).
On October 2, archivists around the country will take to Twitter to respond to questions tweeted with the hashtag #AskAnArchivist. Take this opportunity to engage via your personal and institutional Twitter accounts and respond to questions posed directly to you or more generally to all participants. Before then:

- Promote #AskAnArchivist Day among your users and constituents.
- Encourage the public to use #AskAnArchivist and your institution's Twitter handle.
- Talk to your staff and colleagues to develop a plan for responding to tweets throughout the day.
- If you don't already have one, create an institutional Twitter account!

For more info, go to archivists.org/initiatives/askanarchivist-day.

October 2: Ask an Archivist Day
Family Search FAQ on DNA Testing

As you learn more about DNA testing, there may be terminology that is unfamiliar to you, and you may have a few questions. Learn more about unfamiliar terminology, and get answers to common questions here.

Back Up Your Genealogy Files!
It is the first of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups!
Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often. Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts of word processing documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first day of each month?

How Many Backup Copies of Important Files Do You Need?

Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

- 3 copies of anything you care about - Two isn't enough if it's important.
- 2 different formats - Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or Hard Drive plus Memory Stick or CD plus Crash Plan, or more
- 1 off-site backup - If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?

Links

Clayton Genealogical Library

Researching Hispanic Ancestry

Discover the rich records of Hispanic genealogy! We'll examine records commonly found in Hispanic genealogical research, with an emphasis on Mexican records. We'll also cover research strategies and tips for translation. Presented by staff member Joy Oria. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600.

Saturday, September 14, 2019 | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
5300 Caroline St.
Houston, TX 77004
Texas Birth Certificates, 1903-1935

This collection contains 2,209,283 digital images and an index of birth certificates for the state of Texas. The original records are housed at the Vital Statistics Unit of the Texas Department of Health in Austin. Not all certificates are indexed or present. You may need to look up the birth certificate number in the Texas Birth Index and search through the birth certificates numerically.

You can find these treasures [here](#).

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**Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars**


Click [HERE](#) to register for FREE - via Legacy Family Tree Webinars. This lecture is FREE, but seating is limited to the first 1,000 attendees and promises to fill up fast! Make sure you log in at least 15 minutes before start time!

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**Free Georgia Genealogical Society Webinars**

**Newspapers for Genealogical Research**

Discover the wide array of information about your ancestors that can be found in newspapers, and learn the best search strategies for finding and searching historic newspapers through a number of free and subscription-based websites.

Check out the free webinar schedule [here](#).

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**Free USCIS Online Genealogy Webinars**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

The USCIS Historical Research Branch offers several webinars for beginner and advanced researchers. They are an easy and free way to learn about the USCIS history, library, and genealogy programs and services from agency historians, librarians and program representatives.

Check them out here:  [https://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars](https://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars)
LOCAL MAN INVENTS AEROPLANE

New Principle for Overcoming Gravity Is Part of the Discovery Aviator Made

A. HERFF JR. THE INVENTOR

Trial at Boerne Is Successful, New Models to Be Built at Once With Two Planes

MAKE PUBLIC TESTS NEXT

Plane at the Front of Machine Changes the Course Upward or Downward at His Will

Adolph Herff Jr. of San Antonio believes that he has made a new discovery regarding the laws governing gravity, and as a result may bring about the perfection of an aeroplane that will navigate the air as easily and under as perfect control as an ocean liner navigating the waters of the Atlantic.

Mr. Herff, who is a wholesale druggist of this city, returned this morning from Boerne, where in the short space of two weeks he built an aeroplane of his own design that will actually fly and which the operator can control to a nicety.

The first model was, of course, a crude one. It was constructed of cedar strips, canvas and piano wire, and did not carry its own motive power. As in the trials of the Newman airship built here last spring, the motive power was furnished by an automobile, which was hooked to the flying machine by a rope.

Although cramped for space about Boerne on account of the few level places unobstructed by trees, the experiments were entirely successful, the machine riding from the ground like a bird and being controlled with the utmost ease.

Eddie Wolff of this city was present at the trial of the machine Sunday and had the pleasure of taking a short flight in it. He is very enthusiastic about his experience. Sitting in the machine he was taken up an average of distance of ten feet and was able to raise or lower himself by the moving of the plane on the front end, which shows distinctly in the picture accompanying this article.

May Be Important

Experiments made with this model may have a world-wide influence on the art of navigation. Mr. Herff is backward in explaining the new principles of gravitation involved, but he has no doubt in his mind that they will work out perfectly.
In order to prove his contentions, a new model will be constructed at once. The work will be done in this city as the experiments will be conducted at Government Hill. These will be private for a time, but if his theories prove to be correct he will conduct public flights so that people of San Antonio may see for themselves the possibilities of the aeroplane.

New Model Planned

The next model will carry a dead weight equal to a motor, although the motive power at first will be gained from an automobile. Should this experiment prove successful a large model will be constructed capable of carrying passengers. This model will be propelled by its own motor.

Mr. Herff is rather modest in his claims of what the machine will do. When asked as to whether or not he was satisfied with his experiments, he said:
"In a way I am satisfied. I found out many things, the most important of which was that the machine will life. This of course was the sole reason of the experiments in Boerne. I am through with that model now. My next work will be with an entirely new machine that I expect to construct here within a few weeks.

Shows Reporter

"In relation to the principle of gravity which I intend to make do most of the lifting, I can show you very simply."

Mr. Herff thereupon took a piece of paper, a pair of scissors and a large black beaded pin. In a minute he had a miniature airship built. Stepping on the chair he held it high and turned it loose. The little piece of paper darted rapidly toward the floor but before reaching it swerved upward again. This performance was repeated for a distance of 20 feet before the carpet stopped one of the swoops.
"That is the principle involved," said the inventor, turning again to the interviewer. "It is very simple, but at the same time will require much perfecting before it is made practicable."

Will Show Public

"Yes, if the experiments are at all successful, I will make them publicly, in order that the people of San Antonio may see for themselves how an airship looks while actually flying."

"While Mr. Herff will not divulge his theory of gravitation," said Mr. Wolff this morning in speaking of the new aeroplane, "I have no doubt that it will work to perfection. I can say this much, that he expects to make gravity do 95 per cent of the work of keeping the aeroplane afloat, this relieving the motor of just that much.

Double Plane System

"While the model shown in the photographs is a single plane, the second and the last machine will be conducted on the double plane system. It is impossible for me to describe my sensation as the machine lifted me off the ground and we started upward rapidly. It was different from a balloon, and I only had to move a little lever to go up or down at will. In fact, my anxiety to go back to the ground came near being disastrous, as I missed the earth by a few inches. However, a raising of the plane again shot me into the air. As we neared some trees I lowered myself to the ground"
as easily as a big bird, and with scarcely a jar.
While, of course, it is utterly impossible at this time to predict that the Herff
machine will prove the success the inventor expects, anybody who sees it work on
its next trial will be willing to lay a small bet that the machine will be in a class with
the Curtiss, Wright and other airships."

**San Antonio Light and Gazette**
September 22, 1909